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From: Holsman, Marianne
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2013 3:07 PM
To: Pirzadeh, Michelle
Subject: FW: Statement

Hello. Just for awareness, the Alaska Dispatch (on-line publication) called to confirm reports about armed investigators approaching placer miners in AK last week with airplanes flying overhead. The statement below was vetted up to Alisha Johnson. After I sent it, the reporter asked follow up questions about whether the investigators were armed and used planes. Here's what I said back to him (also vetted through OECA and Alisha). Tyler has been involved in all discussions. Mark is aware and will handle any other reporter queries.

Wanted you to know in case this gets legs.

Follow up message:

Hello Sean:

In answer to your follow up questions, here are our answers:

This was a task force across a variety of agencies. As law enforcement officers they were armed.

The use of airplanes in an investigation, especially in the Alaska wilderness, is a common law enforcement practice.

We cannot comment further because this is an on-going investigation.

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Last week members of the Alaska Environmental Crimes Task Force conducted field investigations of placer mining operations in the Fortymile National Wild and Scenic River area. These field investigations were conducted by law enforcement officers from federal and state agencies due to suspected criminal conduct involving violations of state and federal water pollution laws.

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